

Island Communities Impact Assessment

The purpose of an Island Communities Impact Assessment (ICIA) is to improve the work of the Integration Joint Board by making sure it considers whether the impact of any policy, strategy or service on an island community is likely to be significantly differently from its effect on other communities (including other island communities).

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS	Responses
Please provide a brief description or summary of the policy, strategy, or service under review for the purposes of this assessment.	The Market Facilitation Statement (MFS), in support of the Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028.
STEP 1 - Develop a clear understanding of your objectives	Responses
What are the objectives of the policy, strategy, or service?	The MFS articulates the Health and Social Care Partnership's plans to support the development of service delivery options for service users.
Do you need to consult?	No, the Strategic Plan has been the subject of comprehensive consultation and this information has fed into the development of the MFS.
How are islands identified for the purpose of the policy, strategy, or service?	The totality of Orkney and its islands.
What are the intended impacts/outcomes and how do these potentially differ in the islands?	The MFS provides a starting point for joint working between the Health and Social Care Partnership and service providers to identify and develop opportunities for service delivery options. Potential partners have, to date, offered service solutions that address the availability of services in the isles; this approach will continue.
Is the policy, strategy, or service new?	No.
STEP 2 - Gather your data and identify your stakeholders	Responses
What data is available about the current situation in the islands?	There is no directly relevant data available.
Do you need to consult?	No, the MFS is published to support the Strategic Plan, which has been consulted upon

	widely. The information received on the Strategic Plan has fed into the development of the MFS.
How does any existing data differ between islands?	N/A.
Are there any existing design features or mitigations in place?	No.
STEP 3 - Consultation	Responses
Who do you need to consult with?	N/A.
How will you carry out your consultation and in what timescales?	N/A.
What questions will you ask when considering how to address island realities?	N/A.
What information has already been gathered through consultations and what concerns have been raised previously by island communities?	N/A.
Is your consultation robust and meaningful and sufficient to comply with the Section 7 duty?	N/A.
STEP 4 – Assessment	Responses
Does your assessment identify any unique impacts on island communities?	No.
Does your assessment identify any potential barriers or wider impacts?	Any proposals for building-based services, in the Orkney Mainland, will present an obvious barrier to service delivery.
How will you address these?	Proposals for such services will have to include suggestions around service delivery in the isles.
<p>You must now determine whether, in your opinion your policy, strategy, or service is likely to have an effect on an island community that is significantly different from its effect on other communities (including other island communities).</p> <p>If your answer is NO to the above question, a full ICIA will NOT be required, and <u>you can proceed to Step SIX</u>. If the answer is YES, an ICIA must be prepared, and <u>you should proceed to Step FIVE</u>.</p> <p>To form your opinion, the following questions should be considered:</p> <p>Does the evidence show different circumstances or different expectations or needs, or different experiences or outcomes (such as different levels of satisfaction, or different rates of participation)?</p> <p>Are these different effects likely?</p> <p>Are these effects significantly different?</p> <p>Could the effect amount to a disadvantage for an island community when compared to other</p>	

islands in Orkney (especially the Mainland)?

STEP 5 – Preparing your ICIA	Responses
In Step Five, you should describe the likely significantly different effect of the policy, strategy, or service:	
Assess the extent to which you consider that the policy, strategy, or service can be developed or delivered in such a manner as to improve or mitigate, for island communities, the outcomes resulting from it.	
Consider alternative delivery mechanisms and whether further consultation is required.	
Describe how these alternative delivery mechanisms will improve or mitigate outcomes for island communities.	
Identify resources required to improve or mitigate outcomes for island communities.	
STEP 6 - Making adjustments to your work	Responses
Should delivery mechanisms/mitigations vary in different communities?	No.
Do you need to consult with island communities in respect of mechanisms or mitigations?	No.
Have island circumstances been factored into the evaluation process?	Yes.
Have any island-specific indicators/targets been identified that require monitoring?	No.
How will outcomes be measured on the islands?	The impact of any proposed solutions, in the isles, will be considered individually, along with

	processes for measuring intended outcomes.
How has the policy, strategy, or service affected island communities?	There has been no effect, to date.
How will lessons learned in this ICIA inform future policy making and service delivery?	Service proposals will always consider the impact upon people in the isles, as distinct from those in the Mainland.
STEP 7 - Publishing your ICIA	Responses
Have you presented your ICIA in Easy-Read Format?	No.
Does your ICIA need to be prepared in Gaelic, or any other language?	No.
Where will you publish your ICIA, and will relevant stakeholders be able to easily access it?	The ICIA will be published, alongside all ICIA's and Equality Impact Assessments, on the Orkney Islands Council website.
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Signature:	
Date complete:	27.03.26.
Who will sign-off your final ICIA and why?	Stephen Brown, as Chief Officer.
Signature:	
Date approved:	27.03.26